

15. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 17 AUGUST 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit the report and recommendations of the Committee's 17 August meeting as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Thursday 17 August 2000 at 8 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Mike Wall (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Ron Wright (from 8.25 am)

APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Ron Wright.

1. "COMMUNITY INITIATIVES" FUNDING - ALLOCATIONS

Further to the referral of this matter from the Finance and Planning Committee on 11 August, the Committee considered in detail, the various submitted projects.

During the process of allocating the 2000/2001 project funding earlier this year, some initial consideration was given to possible projects to be funded from the Community Initiatives vote of \$66,500 and these included the Asian Youth Project, Neighbourhood Week, Arbor Day and ESOL (ex Burnside Elim Community Church).

The Committee noted that the Finance and Planning Committee on 11 August had recommended that \$2,000 be applied for Arbor Day planting programmes involving local schools and \$2,500 for Neighbourhood Week initiatives from the Board's 2000/2001 discretionary funds.

Funding was also available if required, from the Board's SCAP budget of \$30,000.

Having considered the "bids" both put forward previously and more recently, the Committee proposes that the following allocations be made and/or confirmed.

“Community Initiatives”

	\$
• Older Persons Event	1,500
• Asian Youth Project (events/activities)	3,000
• ESOL Programme	2,500
• Art Workshops	7,500
• Youth Event	5,000
• “Let’s Go” Programme	8,000
• Bishopdale Primary School/Community Development Programme	16,000
• Computer Experience Clubs (Fendalton and Bishopdale Libraries)	8,000
• Avice Hill Reserve (towards sculpture(s) and entry improvements)	15,000
	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>\$66,500</u>

SCAP (part only)

	\$
• Fendalton/Waimairi Community Initiatives Project Support	8,000
• Youth At Risk Initiatives	8,000
• Community Liaison Forum	2,500
	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>\$18,500</u>

Recommendation: That the allocations from the Community Initiatives and SCAP budgets be approved and/or confirmed.

2. BISHOPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Community Development Adviser reported that the Project Team had met recently and confirmed the availability of a WINZ supported ACE worker’s position to progress the community initiatives in partnership with the Bishopdale Primary School.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

3. YOUTH ISSUES/JELLIE PARK

With the popularity of the new skatepark at Jellie Park an opportunity was now available for the Council to communicate and work with local youth to address their needs.

The intended action plan was to liaise closely with local agencies including Burnside High School to see how local youth needs could be supported and addressed as well as working closely with the community to address any developing issues and identify solutions to problems evident at Jellie Park.

The suggested course of action was to engage a youth worker for a six month period at an estimated cost of \$9,650.

The Committee was also provided with an update on the Parks and Recreation Committee's most recent consideration in dealing with issues identified at Jellie Park.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a project team be formed and led by the Fendalton Advocacy Team to include members of the Leisure and Parks Units and invite a member from Burnside High School, the Bryndwr Community Trust and the Bishopdale Community Constable to participate.
 2. That \$9,650 be allocated from the Community Worker vote (including \$900 transportation costs) to meet the costs of the project.

4. HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

The Community Recreation Adviser submitted a proposed plan for the provision of holiday programmes utilising the Board's project funded allocation of \$12,000.

- Recommendation:**
1. That \$6,000 from the holiday programme vote be dedicated to developing a 'Tweenager' holiday programme in the Bryndwr/Aorangi community in partnership with the YMCA.
 2. That \$4,000 from the holiday programme vote be dedicated to resourcing existing, and establishing new, holiday programmes in the Avonhead community.
 3. That \$2,000 of the holiday programme vote be dedicated to the provision of Kidsfest activities in the Fendalton/Waimairi community during next year's Kidsfest Festival.
 4. That staff report back periodically on progress.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

The Board on 1 August, sought a report on options and costings for Neighbourhood Week and Children's Day events and activities including the provision of up to five walks.

The Committee was advised that with the resources available it was only possible to provide one walking programme per Board area. It was noted however, that there were several active walking groups in the Board's area who could be contacted to possibly assist.

The Committee acknowledged that the involvement of the community and local neighbourhoods should be "home grown" with the Board's funding allocation being used to generate awareness of the week through advertising and promotion in particular.

- Recommendation:** That the information be received.

6. FORMER FENDALTON LIBRARY

It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the Committee on 21 September take the form of a workshop to evaluate the submissions received from the community on possible future uses of the former Fendalton Library building. The outcome of the Project and Property Committee's consideration on this matter should also be known at that time.

The meeting concluded at 10.02 am

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.